

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19, and 24-31 are canceled by this response. Claim 38 is added. Accordingly, after entry of these amendments and remarks, claims 20-23 and 32-42 remain pending.

As a threshold matter, Applicants note that the instant application was originally filed without a claim 38 being present. Applicants have now amended the application to include a new claim 38. It is respectfully asserted that support for this claim 38 may be found in the application as filed, at least in original claim 17. Accordingly, no new matter has been added to the application by virtue of this amendment to the claims.

In the latest office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 20-23, 32-37, and 39-41 were allowed. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter by the Examiner. In order to expedite issuance of these allowed claims, non-allowed claims 1-19 and 24-31 are hereby canceled without prejudice to filing of continuation application(s) directed thereto.

Finally, Applicants note that claim 42 remains pending, but was not acknowledged by the Examiner in the latest office action received. Claim 42 depends from allowed claim 32, and thus Applicants believe that this dependent claim is also allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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